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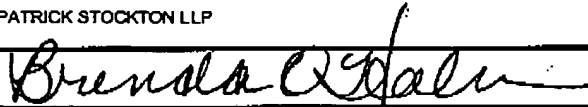
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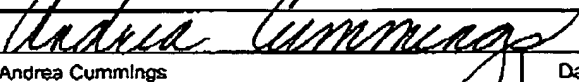
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2006
in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. The Examiner required Applicant
to restrict the claims of the pending invention to one of the following species of invention:

Species A – Figures 2 and 3; or

Species B – Figure 6.

The Examiner indicated that Claims 2 and 8 correspond to species A; Claim 3 corresponds to
species B; and Claims 1, 4-7 and 9 are generic.

Figures 2 and 3 illustrate a first embodiment where an end portion cover 32
covers the end surface 3a of the shaft 3 that penetrates the housing and the cylindrical portion
31 engages the outer portion of the shaft 3. Figures 4 and 5 illustrate a second embodiment

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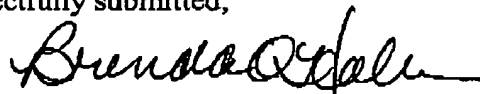
where the tip of the cylindrical portion 31 is inclined prior to insertion of the shaft (Figure 4) and is deformed outward by the insertion of the shaft (Figure 5). Figure 6 illustrates a third embodiment with an O-ring between the cylindrical-side step 35 and the shaft-side step 3d.

Claim 2 recites a mirror device for a vehicle where the tip of the cylindrical portion is inclined toward the shaft in a free state and Claim 3 recites a mirror device with an O-ring interposed between the cylindrical portion and the shaft. It is submitted that Claim 2 corresponds to the species as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, rather than Figs. 2 and 3, as alleged by the Examiner. Thus, Applicant interprets this election of species requirement as being made between species A as shown in Figs. 4 and 5 and species B as shown in Fig. 6. Based on this interpretation, Applicant hereby elects species A (Figs. 4 and 5).

The Examiner alleged that Claim 8 is readable on species A. Claim 8 recites an elastic resin on an inner surface of the cylindrical portion. Applicant submits that Claim 8 is generic. Applicant elects Claims 1, 2 and 4-9 as readable on the elected species with Claims 1 and 4-9 being generic.

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. If there are any issues that can be resolved via a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned at (404) 685-6799. Applicant awaits further examination consistent with the election herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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